

Policy H4

Providing Accommodation for Gypsies and Travelling Showpersons

The Borough Council will only grant planning permission for the use of land for the stationing of homes for persons who can clearly demonstrate that they are gypsies or travelling showpersons with a genuine connection with the locality of the proposed site, in accordance with 1. and 2. below.

1. For proposals involving the establishment of public or privately owned residential gypsy or travelling showpersons sites:
 - a. there will be a proven need in the Borough for the site and for the size proposed;
 - b. the site will be located close to local services and facilities;
 - c. there will be no more than four caravans;
 - d. the site will be located close to the primary or secondary road networks;
 - e. in the case of a greenfield site, there is no suitable site available on previously developed land in the locality;
 - f. the site is not designated for its wildlife, historic or landscape importance;
 - g. the site should be served, or capable of being served, by mains water supply and a satisfactory means of sewage disposal and refuse collection;
 - h. there is no conflict with pedestrian or highway safety;
 - i. screening and landscaping will be provided to minimise adverse impacts;
 - j. no industrial, retail, commercial, or storage activities will take place on the site;
 - k. use of the site will not give rise to significant adverse impacts upon residential amenity, or agricultural or commercial use, of surrounding areas; and
 - l. the land will not be in a designated flood risk area.